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PATENT**ATTORNEY DOCKET NO: BAL-106 (17349)****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Marshall, et al.)	Examiner: Leary, Louise N.
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Serial No: 09/977,874)	Art Unit: 1654
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Filed: October 15, 2001)	Confirmation No. 3775
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Title: Composition For The)	Deposit Acct. No: 04-1403
Detection Of)	
Gastrointestinal Disorders)	

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LETTER

In the above captioned application, a Final Office Action was issued on July 16, 2003. In response, Applicants filed the enclosed Amendment After Final on October 10, 2003. A photocopy of the stamped return receipt postcard is enclosed.

Apparently, the Amendment After Final has been misplaced and thus has never been considered. Applicants request to have the Amendment After Final expeditiously considered or to have the response term reset three months.

Any assistance with respect to this matter would be greatly appreciated. If there is anything our law firm can do to assist in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned below.

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Respectfully submitted,



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The official stamp of the United States Patent and Trademark Office hereon acknowledges receipt of the following:

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RE: Marshall, et al.

Title: Composition for the Detection of Gastrointestinal Disorders

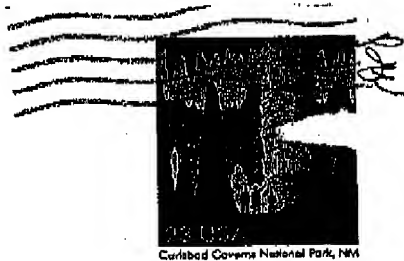
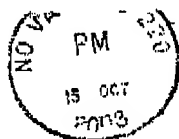
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims 29	minus 29	= 0	X \$18 = \$.00
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If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$290.00 (per application)			\$.00
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PETITION is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$420; 3 months \$950; 4 months \$1480)			\$.00
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2003, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

A new **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper, while **Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.